

MI Child Support Formula - Child Support

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I am now a single mother of two trying my best to raise my children to the best of my abilities. The divorce in my family was not anything that I ever wanted. My husband left his family for another woman and never requested more than the court appointed visitation of four over nights a month. Now it is my understanding that Michigan is a "no fault" state. infidelity does not play a part in any court decision for custody or visitation. Shouldn't this be taken into consideration?

As for the visitation part, I do feel it is in the best interest of the children to see their father as much as possible if they want to. I have encouraged the children for two years now to see their father more. I have never stood in the way of their relationship with their father. However, now if I have to keep track of the over nights they spend with him as not to lose child support money, who really benefits? I do not ever want to have to tell my children that they can not see their father. After the child support is established, both parties get accustomed to a certain lifestyle. To reduce household money could cause more family problems in the long run.

I do not feel that any father should be poor because of paying out so much in child support, but if you are going to reduce the amount, please consider changing the "fault" portion of the family law for divorce. This way, more families may stay together.

Sincerely,

Chris Brandman

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